

Frankford Arsenal, Building 20
North side of Mordecai Road, west of Mellon Street
Philadelphia
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Location: North side of Mordecai Road, west of Mellon Street
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania

Quad: Frankford

Date of Construction: ca. 1943

Significance: Building 309 is associated with the extensive infrastructure of roads, utilities, and services that supported the principal functions of Frankford Arsenal, the U.S. Army's principal manufacturer of small arms ammunition.

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HISTORY

Building 20 was constructed as a water meter pit for an upcoming main ca. 1943. A water meter house has occupied this location since ca. 1890.

DESCRIPTION

Building 20 has concrete foundation with low brick walls, measuring approximately 10 feet by 6 feet. It has a composition shed roof with a trap door.

SOURCE

John Milner Associates, "Historical and Archeological Survey of Frankford Arsenal," West Chester, PA: John Milner Associates, 1979.

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